

Comment on the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement

I agree with the following statements which I have checked:



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- 1 ☒ The No Action Alternatives are not reasonable. The EIS should have a reasonable no action alternative.
- 2 ☒ The EIS is inadequate because it uses outdated 1990 census data rather than current population data for Nevada.
- 3 ☒ The analysis of transportation impacts in Nevada is insufficient for making modal, corridor and route decisions.
- 4 ☒ The floodplain analysis is insufficient for corridor and route selection.
- 5 ☒ The impact of stigma on tourism, recreation and agriculture based economies in Nevada should be analyzed.
- 6 ☒ The EIS should analyze the impacts of a crash between a military airplane and a nuclear waste rail car.
- ☐ Other _____

Comments:

The Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Draft Environmental Impact Statement describes the impacts of constructing and operating a repository, including transporting nuclear waste by legal weight truck, rail, or rail to heavy haul truck. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository including transportation.

My comments for the record are:

See attached sheet.

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7 The plan to transport 77,000 metric tons of lethal nuclear waste through 43 states to a central repository in Nevada borders on madness.

Transportation accidents will happen. There is no statistical way to guarantee 100% safe delivery to the storage site. Trains derail. Trucks run off the road or become involved in collisions with other vehicles. Sabotage is always a threat. Also to be considered are the possibilities of hurricanes and tornados in the East, and earthquakes in California and Nevada.

8 The selection of a storage site for deadly nuclear waste in an area of seismic activity like Yucca Mountain was unwise. The rapidly expanding population of Las Vegas and vicinity (now well over a million) 90 miles from the repository are surely at risk.

9 The only rational solution to avoid transportation hazards is by storing the waste at the site of generation, using the best available technology.

10 Clearly, the Yucca Mountain Repository is another case of the taxpayers' money being poured down a rat hole.

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